

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND  
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 9, 2011

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards Conference Center  
Poplar Room, 227 French Landing  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President  
Brenda L. Dew, Ph.D., LMFT  
James Philpott, Th.D., LMFT, LCPT  
Stephen Caldwell, MDiv, Citizen Member  
Janet Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LCPT

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Lampley, Administrative Director, Health Related Boards  
Rachel Appelt, Advisory Attorney  
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator

Dr. Dew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to approve the September 9, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

**OGC Report**

Ms. Appelt stated that there are three (3) open cases in the Office of General Counsel. The rule amendments approved at the January 28, 2011 rulemaking hearing had been signed and are in the governor's office for review. As soon as they are approved then the rules will be filed with the Secretary of State.

**Investigative Report**

There are eleven (11) cases open for licensed professional counselors and twelve (12) for marital and family therapists. The Board requested a report from Investigations as to the breakdown of complaints within a five (5) year period.

**Monitored Practitioners Report**

There are two practitioners currently being monitored.

### **Administrative Report**

There are 1475 licensed professional counselors, 382 licensed marital and family therapists and 31 licensed pastoral therapists.

As of December 2, 2011, 1178 licensed professional counselors have the mental health service provider endorsement.

### **Financial Report**

As of FY11 through June 30, 2011 the Board had expenditures of \$47,336.77 and revenue collections of \$227,070.25. Indirect expenditures were not available at the time of the Board meeting.

### **Review/ratify ethics and jurisprudence examination results**

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the ethics and jurisprudence exam results for the following licensed marital and family therapists:

Brenda Keck  
Jeffrey Lindsey  
Kathleen Higby  
Jeffrey Scarbrough  
Cynthia Kelley  
Robert Thompson  
Julie Garren

The motion carried.

### **Ratify newly licensed, reinstatement and temporary permits**

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the newly licensed professional counselors.

Mari Alexander  
Kendra Allen  
Suzanne Augustine  
Vanessa Belanger  
Jayme Carr  
Cindy Cothran  
Christin Dianahesti-Gaboury  
Lindsay Dickerson  
Anna Edgeston  
Corey Emerick  
Elizabeth Firestone  
Angeal Fuss  
Jennifer Garrett

Kathryn Jordan  
Lisa Kress  
Diana Kuehl  
Melissa Madden  
Tonya McKoy  
Sarah Milligan  
Azmat Moinuddin  
Phillip Neal  
Annetta Newman  
Lydia Postlewait  
Alissa Sawyer  
Walter Turner

The motion carried.

Dr. Philpot made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the temporary licensed professional counselors.

Karen Brownd  
Deborah Driggs  
Sarah Griffith  
Justin Hitt  
Susan Loar  
Cassidy Nelson

The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the newly licensed marital and family therapists.

Julia Garren  
Kathleen Higby  
Brenda Keck  
Cynthia Kelley  
Jeffrey Lindsey  
Jeffrey Scarbrough  
Robert Thompson

The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to approve the temporary licensed marital and family therapists.

Janet Barnes  
Smantha Keeling  
Stephanie Kuklenski  
Adi Raz

Daniel Stewart

The motion carried.

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to approve the reinstated licensed professional counselors.

Patricia Cloyde  
William Hutchins  
Gelnda Sorrells  
Claudia Werner

The motion carried.

### **Marital and Family Therapists Supervision**

Questions had been raised about LMFT supervision and if there were any limits similar to the LPC rules. After discussion, Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott for the MFT supervision to be the same as LPC which is, minimum of two (2) years and no more than four (4) years to complete supervision. The motion carried. Ms. Appelt will draft this proposed language into an amendment to the MFT rules.

### **Criminal Background Checks**

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to create a policy that criminal background checks will be valid for 12 months (1 year) from the date of receipt in the Board office. The motion carried.

### **Student Assistance Corporation and Child Support Suspensions**

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to create a policy regarding the posting of notice 30 days prior to license suspensions for failing to pay child support and/or repay student loans. The motion carried.

### **Rules**

Dr. Hammonds-White requested that the clinical setting amendment be deleted from the proposed rule changes that were made at the rulemaking hearing. Ms. Appelt stated that she would check to see how the new changes can be deleted.

### **Correspondence**

**Corena Harris, LCSW and Janie Nicholson**, submitted a letter to the Board asking whether Ms. Harris's supervision of Ms. Nicholson was acceptable for post masters supervision. The Board stated that as the rules are now written, the supervision would be acceptable and Ms. Nicholson could continue her supervision with Ms. Harris.

**American Counseling Association**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting the Board to adopt their definition of counseling. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Caldwell, that the Board already has a definition in place. The motion carried.

**Gerorge Bercaw, LPC, SPE** submitted a letter to the Board requesting what classes he would need to take to become a supervisor and whether he needed to be employed by Catholic Charities in order to conduct supervision in their offices. The Board stated that if Mr. Bercaw took continuing education, he could meet the supervisory requirement and that he did not need to be employed by Catholic Charities to conduct supervision there.

**Hunter Flournoy, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of the 2010 continuing education requirement. Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to grant the waiver. The motion carried.

**Jeffrey Herman, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a change in the way discipline is reported for licensees in violation of the continuing education rule. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, that a discussion will take place at the March 9, 2012 meeting regarding this matter. The motion carried.

**Cindy Mancini, PhD**, submitted a letter to the Board asking whether her supervision of Sharla Mize in a private practice setting is okay and whether she is able to practice independently. The Board approved the sending of a letter from Dr. Hammonds-White.

**Stephen Parella, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of his 2009-2010 continuing education requirement due to military deployment. Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Caldwell to grant the request. The motion carried.

**Suzanne Prince, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of the 2009 continuing education requirement. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Caldwell, to grant the request. The motion carried.

**Dana Stoddard, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board regarding a waiver of the 2009-2010 continuing education requirement. Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to grant the request and if Ms. Stoddard agrees to retire her license. The motion carried.

**Mark Tichon, PhD, LPC**, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of the 2010 continuing education requirement. Dr. Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to grant the request. The motion carried.

### **Agreed Citations**

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the following agreed citations for licensed professional counselors and licensed marital and family therapists for failure to obtain the required continuing education hours. The motion carried.

**Licensed Professional Counselors****Hours Deficient**

James Price 1607	10
Richard Harrell 2051	3.75
H David Chaney 1833	7
Noelle Schwantes 2161	4
Linda Taylor 213	10
Charles Cates 22	20
Thomas Humberd 1609	8.5
Sylvia White 2182	9
Charity Houghton 1684	20
Michael Paulk 1444	7
Brenda White 1872	10
Curtis Freed 165	10
Larry Swaim 595	2.8
Sandy O'Donnell 1941	14
Brian Bowden 540	10
C Lavonice Williams 1798	3.75
Timothy Smith 554	10
Nanci Chaffin 848	10
Kathryn Hall 665	10
Eric Cassius 793	17

**Licensed Marital Family Therapists**

Michael Braswell 113	20
Mary Lou Kennedy 606	3
Kristie Lorenz 670	4.5
Jo-An Fox 640	4

**Other Board Business**

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The motion carried.

*Ratified by the Board on March 9, 2012*